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Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 7, 2009/6:00-8:00PM
Chair: Blake Trask (in Sean Cryan's absence)
Recorder: Jean White
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

October Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

Grace Crunican, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)
Sandra Woods, Manager Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development, SDOT
Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)
Stella Chao, Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)
Meeting Presenters (Gina Coffman and Carol McMahan)
Howard Wu, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) Liaison
City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee members
Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members

Members Present

Ann Boyd; Evan Brown; Allegra Calder; Matthew Crane; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Secretary); Kelsey Jones-Casey; Blake Trask (Vice Chair); Jean White

Members Absent

Craig Benjamin; Sean Cryan (Chair); Gabe Grijalva; Neal Komedal

Guests

Doug Cox, SDOT; Brian Dougherty, SDOT; Brian Holloway, SDOT; Sam Woods, SDOT; Virginia Coffman, SDOT; Howard Wu, SPAB; Jason Brien; Shaun Darragh; Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes; Aili LePard; Juliette Delfs; Aldan Shank; Andrew Mcusic; Evan Conroy

Meeting Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Public Comment

- Juliette Delfs, from West Seattle: Said that the Fauntleroy lanes are better, but there is a pinch point where the traffic narrows to one lane between Edmonds and Hudson streets southbound where she has had some close calls with cars. There are no sharrows. She has been taking the sidewalk for safety. Sharrows are needed at the pinch point or before the merge point.

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council
Resolution 25534

- Michael Snyder:
 - Oct. 14th Cascade Bike Club is having a statewide Traffic Justice Meeting.
 - Oct. 19th Cascade is having a Nights and Reflective Test night. More certified instructors on bike safety are need. Gave out copies of the League of American Bicyclists Smart Cycling guide.
 - Reported that nails are being left in the road after traffic counters are taken out which is a hazard to bikers.

Presentations

Topic: Mountains to Sound Phase 1 Trail Extension Update

Presenter: Brian Holloway, SDOT

Purpose: Provide an update on Mountains to Sound Phase 1 Project and seek feedback

Findings or Critical Points:

- Partners include WDOT, SDOT, Parks, Mountains to Sound Greenway (a non-governmental organization)
- Trail terminates at Beacon Hill near 12th and Jose Rizal Bridge. The issue is how to get across I-5. Project is at 60% design, will finish design in January. Need to get Council approval for right of way. Plan to start construction in April.
- Described project design: There is a very steep grade at termination point. Plan calls for 12 foot paved trail with sightlines for design speed of 20 mph.
- Trail will cut through the dog park with 4 foot high fence between dog park and trail. Some retaining wall spots. Trail will have lights – wood poles with cobra heads – auto scale lighting.
- The trail will go through a wooded WSDOT area. There are issues with urban camping and vandalism in the area. This area will have high fences, but 30 foot width with grassy area along trail. There will be way finding signs to the Chief Sealth trail.
- Terminus of trail is at Holgate. There is a pedestrian crossing at Holgate to get across I-5 to Airport Way and eventually to get to the water.
- Funding \$3m for the project: \$1 M is federal money (half WSDOT half SDOT) \$2m is Pro Parks Levy, \$50k is local match money. \$700 is design, the rest of it is construction costs.

Recommendations:

- The Board appreciates the presentation of the project by SDOT, and the opportunity to see and comment on the project as it develops.
- The Board recommends the installation of safety features along the trail where there have been safety issues in the past, and the consideration of call boxes and/ or safety cameras.
- The Board recommends the consideration of the connection and continuation of the trail beyond I-5 and into a Bicycle Master Plan main bicycle corridor.

Topic: Roosevelt and 11th/12th Update

Presenter: Brian Dougherty, SDOT

Purpose: Update and feedback on Roosevelt and 11th/12th Project

Findings or Critical Points:

- The project was planned for 2009, but bumped to 2010 for several reasons. Plan to install in spring 2010.

- Goes from University Bridge to NE 75th Street
- Currently there are peak parking restrictions (morning on Roosevelt, evening on 11th). It's difficult for pedestrians to cross the 3 lanes of traffic during in peak time.
- The BMP calls for bike lanes on 11th, 12th, and Roosevelt – but that doesn't work with the peak parking setup. Peak parking called to be removed by the University Area Transportation Plan (2008). A new signal is warranted at NE 64th street at Roosevelt but not possible without a new curb bulb.
- Connections for project:
 - Roosevelt High School at 65th
 - New Discovery School at 72nd
 - Burke-Gilman Trail
 - NE Ravenna Blvd
 - New signed bike routes
- Pavement condition is currently very poor on Roosevelt. The Urban Trail and Bikeway fund is being used to repave where the new bike lane will be striped. Repaving will happen in Dec. 2009.
- The proposal is to:
 - Removing peak parking restrictions for the majority, but adding no parking anytime within a block or half block of 45th, 50th, and 65th.
 - Adding on-street bike parking.
 - Dedicated bike lane on west side of Roosevelt. (right hand side)
 - Dedicated bike lane on east side of 11th/12th.
 - 7, 5, 10.5, 10.5, 7 foot lanes...parking, bike, travel, travel, parking
 - Green lanes proposed for Roosevelt and 45th, 12th at Ravenna, U-bridge at ramps at NE 40th and NE campus parkway
 - Increases transit lanes from 10 feet to 10.5 feet - could possibly do an in-lane bus stop at a few places
 - Bike lanes dissolve to sharrows on 11th at 45th, 65th, and 75th for ½ to ¾ block
 - Roosevelt at 65th and 50th
 - At 64th and Roosevelt, adding a full traffic light
 - Way finding from U-bridge to BGT is a signed route. The full BGT is being signed this year.

Recommendations:

- The Board thanks SDOT for presentation of the design process for the development of this key bicycle corridor.
- The Board recommends that bike boxes be considered for specific signaled intersections to facilitate left hand turns.
- The Board recommends reconsideration of the color and texture of the green bike lanes as more are being installed and they currently are not a robust installation.
- The Board requests notification if bus bulbs are going to be installed, to review detail on the installation, perhaps with a smaller focus group from SBAB. (SBAB hasn't heard back from the bus bulb folks on the pike/pike presentation)

Action Item or Follow Up:

- SBAB asked SDOT to look at bike boxes on this project and to get back to Board if bus bulbs are proposed.
- SBAB will make a recommendation to SDOT on the use of bike lanes as a preference item instead of sharrows on downgrade.

Topic: Downtown Bicycle Sign Content

Presenter: Gina Coffman, SDOT

Purpose: Feedback on way finding signs through downtown

Findings or Critical Points:

- In 2010 30 miles of signed routes to be installed during the rainy months.
- Types of signs: directional/distance and destination confirmation signs (after you turn).
- Showed draft signs for following routes: 4th Ave. Jackson to Belltown route; 5th and Jackson south to Airport Way; 5th and Jackson and Airport Way to SODO trail; Pike Place

Group gave feedback on proposed route signage. One member questioned using Jose Rizall Bridge as a destination versus 12th St. Bridge or Beacon Hill. Suggestion made to label bridge names on bike maps.

Topic: SDOT BMP Updates

Presenter: Doug Cox, SDOT

- SDOT got SBAB comments on 2010 workplan. Requested two weeks to review comments.
- Still in the process of tallying bike lanes and sharrows update.
- SDOT is still in the process of tallying the results of the bike count. Looks like an increase. Gina thanked volunteers who helped with the bike count.

Topic: SBAB Updates

Presenter: Blake Trask

- SBAB had an introductory retreat for new board members last week. Sean will write up meeting notes once he feels better.
- Some decisions were made on roles:
 - Evan Brown is the Pedestrian Board liaison
 - Gabe will be the steward of the recommendations tracker
 - Ann is revamping the website
 - Max is heading the secretary duties
 - Tri-Party might be Neil for the 3rd person
- Some other committee membership positions need to be fleshed out.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Blake Trask adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

*****Next Meeting Wednesday November 4, 2009, 6-8 PM *****
Boards and Commissions Room L280